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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application, which has entered the U.S. National Stage on April 20, 2005, hereby submits a legible copy of the following relevant art along with the FORM PTO-1449 which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

- A. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. JP 02-009605 published on January 12, 1990 by the Japanese Patent Office;
- B. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. JP 54-23253 published on February 21, 1979 by the Japanese Patent Office;
- C. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. JP 2000-127153 published on May 9, 2000 by the Japanese Patent Office;
- D. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. JP 9-292176 published on November 11, 1997 by the Japanese Patent Office;

E. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. JP 2000-301535 published on October 31, 2000 by the Japanese Patent Office;

F. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. JP 2000-127156 published on May 9, 2000 by the Japanese Patent Office;

G. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. JP 2-127006 published on May 15, 1990 by the Japanese Patent Office;

H. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. JP 58-208577 published on December 5, 1983 by the Japanese Patent Office; and

I. Japanese Utility Model Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. JP 61-158410 published by the Japanese Patent Office on October 1, 1986.

The above-listed prior arts are all cited in the International Search Report completed on March 18, 2004 to the PCT Application No. PCT/JP03/13360 upon which the above-identified U.S. application is filed. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed.

Though the prior art A through H are not in the English language, the International Search Report is written in English and the degree of relevance is indicated therein by way of the markings of Y's and A's along with the explanation of such markings. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance for this non-English language prior art is satisfied and an English concise explanation thereof is omitted herein. Nonetheless, an English language abstract is attached to each one of these non-English prior art except the prior art B and I.

Further enclosed herein for your reference is a copy of the English translation of the International Preliminary Report issued to PCT/JP03/13360.

It is, therefore, hereby respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant arts and consider them during the examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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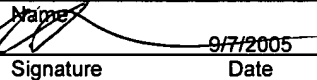
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